

# NEWES FROM IPSWICH.

Discovering certaine late detestable practices of some domineering Lordly Prelates, to undermine the established doctrine and discipline of our Church, extirpate all orthodox sincere Preachers, and preaching of Gods Word, usher in Popery, superstition and Idolatry; with their late notorious Purgations of the new Fast-book, contrarie to his Majesties Proclamation, and their intolerable affront therein offered to the most illustrious Lady Elizabeth, the Kings only Sister, and her Children (even whiles they are now loyall entertained at Court) in blotting them out of the Collect, and to his Majestie, his Queene, and their Royall Progeny, in blotting them out of the number of Gods Elect.



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**JEREM. 23. 1.**

*Woe bee unto the Pastors; that destroy and scatter the  
sheep of my pasture, saith the Lord.*

**ACTS 20. 28, 29.**

*Take heed therefore unto your selves, and to all the flock  
over the which the holy Ghost hath made you bishops,  
to feede the Church of God, which hee hath purchased  
with his owne blood. For this I know, that after my  
departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you,  
not sparing the flock,*



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Christian Reader, this is the de-  
 ploable News of our present age,  
 that our presses formerly open only to  
*Truth and Piety*, are closed up against  
 them both of late, and patent for the  
 most part, to nought but *error supersti-*  
*tion, and profanesse*. Witnesse those *ma-*  
*ny prophane erroneous, impious books*, prin-  
 ted within these three years by authoritie (point-blanke a-  
 gainst the established doctrine of the Church of England,  
 and his *Majesties pious Declarations*) in defence of *Arminia-*  
*nisme, Popery, and Popish ceremonies*, and which is yet more im-  
 pious and detestable, *against the very moralitie of the Sabbath,*  
*and fourth Commandment: the divine institution, title and intire*  
*religious sanctification of the Lords day Sabbath, and the necessitie of*  
*frequent preaching*, (exceedingly pressed in our *Homilies, and*  
*booke of Ordination*) which some of our unpreaching, domi-  
 neering secular Prelats (out of their Arch-piety towards  
 GOD, and Arch-charity to the peoples soules which they seek  
 to murder, (now so far detest, that they not only give over  
 preaching themselves, as no part of their function, and sup-  
 presse most weekday Lectures in diverse Countries: but have  
 likewise lately shut up the mouthes of sundry of our most  
 godly, powerfull, painefull preachers (who have woon  
 more soules to GOD in a year, than all the Lords Bishops in  
 England, or the world have done in diverse ages) *out of meere*  
*malice to Religion and the peoples salvation*, contrary to the very  
 Lawes of GOD and the Realm; strictly prohibited, under pain  
 of suspension, in sundrie Diocesse, all afternoone Sermons  
 on the Lords own day: that so the prophane vulgar might  
 have more time to *dance, play, revell, drinke, and prophane God*  
*Sabbaths*, even in these dayes of plague and pestilence *to draw*  
*downe more plagues and judgements on us, for this sin of Sabbath-*  
 the Church. Exhortation to those that are to be made Ministers. *f. Bishop*  
*Latimers 1. 4. 5. 6. Sermons before King Edward, and his Sermon of the*  
*Plough, 1 Nehem. 13. 18. Levit. 26. 46. to 55. Jerem. 17. 17. Ezek. 20. 13. to 22,*

*Shelford*  
*Treatises*  
*Rheev Co-*  
*munion book*  
*Catechisme*  
*expounded.*  
*Chounaais*  
*Collect, A*  
*Coale from*  
*the altar, the*  
*female glory.*  
*Studdy D.*  
*Lawrence,*  
*and Browns*  
*Sermons,*  
*with others.*  
*Apparatus ad*  
*hilt Eccles.*  
*Before the*  
*39 articles,*  
*and concer-*  
*ning the Par-*  
*liaments dis-*  
*solution, pag.*  
*202. l. 22. 42.*  
*The treatise*  
*historie, do-*  
*ctrine, and dif-*  
*course of the*  
*Sabbath; A*  
*soveraigne*  
*Antidote.*  
*Dr. Primrose*  
*Rhieue Shel*  
*ford, and Po-*  
*wel, in the*  
*life of King*  
*Lue.*  
*Preface to*  
*them, of the*  
*right use of*  
*breaking*



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the Fastbook. *breaking, when as not only the<sup>n</sup> Synod of Dort, but<sup>i</sup> sundry Po-*  
**Iacobi & Ca-** *pish Synods and Bishops, have beene so religious, as to prescribe*  
**roli, and the** *Two Sermons every Lords day at least, in every parish Church, to*  
*keepe the people from such prophanations of this sacred Day. Alas,*  
*what could<sup>n</sup> Belzebub the Prince of Devils had he bene an arch-*  
*bishop or Lordly Prelate heere in England (as there were*  
*many Divels Bishops, at least, Bishops Divels, in<sup>i</sup> Bernards age,*  
*and most far there are too many now, ) have done more a-*  
*gainst the strict intire sanctification of the Christian Sabbath*  
*day to<sup>n</sup> make it the Divels day in stead of the Lords day, and to ad-*  
*vance his own kingdome and service on it: or against the frequent*  
*powerfull preachers, and preaching of Gods word, and salva-*  
*tion of the peoples soules, then some Luciferian Lord Bi-*  
*shops have lately done? Whose impietie in this kinde trans-*  
*cends all presidents whatsoever in former ages. And yet these*  
*profane, atheisticall gracelesse persecutors of all holinesse,*  
*piety, sincerity, godly Ministers, and preaching of Gods*  
*word ( yea in these pestilentiall times, as meanes to spread*  
*the plague, though the<sup>n</sup> Scripture, and<sup>o</sup> all former ages have pre-*  
*scribed fasting, preaching, and praying, as the chiefe antidotes and*  
*and cure against it) will needs be Lord Bishops<sup>p</sup> Jure divino,*  
*by the holy Ghosts own institution ( who never yet instituted*  
*any<sup>n</sup> preaching, rarepreaching Prelates or persecutors and suppress-*  
*sors of preaching ) and shame not to stile themselves, the<sup>i</sup> godly*  
*holy fathers of our Church, and pillars of our faith, when as their*  
*fruits and actions manifest them to be nought else but the*  
*very Step-fathers, and Caterpillars, the very pests and plagues of*  
*both. Take but one fresh instance for an example: these de-*  
*sperate Archagents for the Divell, and Pope of Rome, and*  
*Master underminers of our Religion as they were the only*  
*instruments of delaying the present generall fast in the begin-*  
*ning of the pestilence, when it was most acceptable and requisite:*  
*So to shew their inveterate malice against preaching the thing*  
*that the Divell wrestleth most against all, whose study hath beene*  
*Treatise of the Sabbath day, Epist. dedic. p Act. 20. 28. 1 Tim. 3. 2. c. 4. 11.*  
*20. 17. 2 Tim. 4. 1. to 51. Tit. 1. 9. c. 2. 1. 10. 13. c. 3. 1. to 12. 1 Pet. 5. 1, 2, 3.*  
*7 B. White Epist. dedic. to his treatise of the Sabbath; and Rheeve epist. dedic.*  
*to decay*



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to decay the office of preaching, which should not be deminished, they contrary to his Majesties pious intention who hath so oft protested against all innovations) have cunningly caused all sermons (the very life and soul of a Fast, as being the only meanes to humble men for their sins, and bring them to repentance) to be prohibited on the fast day both in London and the Suburbs, and in all other infected places, during the time of the infection in them; in parishes not infected, (as if preaching only of all Gods ordinances were pestilentiall, and that on the Fastday, and not on others) contrary to the presidents of all former ages, and the Orders for the generall fasts in the two last great plagues, which prescribed two sermons of one houre long apeece, forenoone and afternoone every fast day, and that as well in parishes infected as others: even in the Summer season, when in the infection was more contagious and raging than now. By which device they have not only made this fast distastfull to all sorts of men in infected places, who have little heart unto it, robbed the poore of much charitable reliefe, and deprived the people of the spirituall foode and Physicke of their souls, when they need and desire it most, to their intolerable grief and discontent, but quite suppressed all settled Wednesday Lectures in London, and other infected Townes, as long as the infection shall continue in any one parish, though it should last these seventh years (the thing they principally aimed at:) forced many Ministers and people to flie out of infected places to the Countrey, to keep their fasts, where there is preaching brought in a famine of Gods Word, the greatest plague of all others, to the increasing and further spreading of the present Pestilence, and drawing down of Gods wrath upon us to the uttermost, by inhibiting Ministers in the time of greatest need to preach unto the people that they may be saved. O heavens stand amazed at this unparreled practise of impious popish prelates! But is this all? No verily. For where as his Majestie commanded, that the booke of common prayer for the fast, formerly set forth by his authoritie upon the like

before his exposition of his catechism in the Communion book p. 2. & Zeph. 2. 1, 2, 3. Numb. 16. 46 B. Latimers 4. and 6. Sermons before K. Edward, which I wold our Prelates would now peruse, and his sermon of the Plough. Declaration before the 39 articles, and of the dissolution of the parliament. p. 1. 42. Zeph. 2. 2, 3. May 58. to 8. Jer. 25. 29 c. 36. 6. to 11. Acts 16. 18: Heb. 1. 2. 13. 2 Tim. 2. 25, 26. Order 6. for the Fast. Who stile it a dumb fast and mockfast. Amos 8. 11, 12. 1 Thel. 2. 15, 16. May 30. 9. to 17. 2 Chron. 34: 16. See the proclamation. The Collect for the Queene, &c. 2 Tim. 4. 1 to 5. Luke 19. 47. 21: 37. John 18. 20. Acts

occasion

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2. 46. c. 5.  
4.  
Of the  
right use  
of the  
Church.

\* Numb.

25. 1: to

10. c. 3.

16.

Io h. 22.

17. 1.

Chron. 21.

13, 14.

Plal. 106.

28, 29.

Ezek. 3.

11, 12: 17.

c. 6: 12. 13.

c. 12: 16. c.

14. 35: 19,

21. Amos

44. 10.

\* Witnesse  
their alte-  
ring of the  
Gunpow-  
der treason  
book, their  
pleading  
for the  
Pope and  
Church of  
Rome, &  
setting up  
Altarsim-  
ages, Cru-

occasion should be reprinted; these Romish Inquisitors have mi-  
serably gelded it, after it was new printed, in sundry parti-  
culars. First, they have purged out the prayer for *seasonable*  
*weather*, one cause of the shipwracks, and tempestuous un-  
seasonable weather, ever since its publication. Secondly, they  
have dashed *the Lady Elizabeth and her children, in the old Col-*  
*lect*, quite out of the new; as they have expunged both them  
with our gracious King, Queene, and their children out of  
the catalogue of Gods elect, by bloating out this clause  
(*who art the father of thine elect and of their seed*) out of the  
*Collect* for them in this and all new Common prayer books, as if they  
were all reprobates, and none of the number of Gods elect,  
either to a temporall or an eternall crown. O intolerable  
impietic, affront, and horrid treason. Thirdly, they have left  
out this *Collect*, *It had beene best for us, &c.* in the new booke  
(though the most effectuall prayer of all) because it magni-  
fies continuall, often preaching of Gods word, and the Scriptures, and  
calls our powerfull preachers Gods servants. A signe these  
Prelats have conspired together like so many execrable tray-  
tors, to extirpate our frequent powerfull preachers, and continuall  
preaching of Gods word (as they have done in many places of  
late (*though prescribed by God himself and our Homilies* Fourthly,  
they have dashed this remarkable clause out of the first Col-  
lect, *Thou hast delivered us from superstition and idolatrie* (two  
ground causes both of many former, and our present plagues no  
doubt) *wherein wee were utterly drowned, and hast brought us into*  
*the most clear and comfortable light of thy blessed word; by which we*  
*are taught how to serve and honour thee, and how to live orderly*  
*with our neighbours in truth and veritie:* the rest of the *Collect*  
remaining as before. Now what can be the cause of this strange  
purgation, but a resolved professed conspiracy of these Ro-  
mish Prelats, even now againe utterly to drown us in *popish*  
*superstition and idolatry* (which have now drowned us in Gods  
judgements, by their stupendious late increase among us)  
and to remove us out of the most cleare and comfortable light of  
Gods word, whereby we are taught how to serve and honour him,  
the true cause why they now suppress Lectures, preaching  
and

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and suspend our powerfullst Preachers every where; that so we may walke on in romish hellish darknesse, serving and honouring the Pope and Devill in stead of God, and live in all disorder with trust and veritie. Fifthly, in the sixth order for the fast, they have pared away this passage. To avoid the inconvenience that may grow by the abuse of fasting; Some esteeming it a meritorious worke, others a good worke, and of it selfe acceptable to God without due regard of the end, Onely to gratifie the Papists, whose doctrine is this, and to place some merit in this present fast: adding this clause to it; in places where Sermons are allowed by the Proclamation; of purpose to put downe Wednesday Lectures, and preaching in London and other places where any Parish is infected. If these Prelates then be thus desperately wicked and Popish, as to take advantage of Gods judgements, to suppress the Preaching and Preachers of his Word, when it is most necessary and usefull, and to countenance, justifie, and set up Popery, superstition, idolatrie, error and disorder (the chiefe causes of our plagues) even in these dayes of pestilence, and that is the very *Exhibition* to abuse and mock God to his face, to dishonour his Majestic and grieve his peoples soules; how transcendently impious and popish will they prove, when God shall stay this plague if they be not now deservedly punished for these their notorious impieties? And is it not high time then for his Majestic to hang up such Archtraytors to our faith, Church, Religion, and such true-bred sons to the Romane Antichrist, (from whom Dr. Pocklington boasts they are lineally descended) and to execute judgement on them for these strange purgations, and other their Romish Innovations, whereat the whole Kingdome cry shame, which breed a generall feare of a sudden alteration of our religion? Certainly till his Majestic shall see these purgations rectified, superstition and idolatrie removed Gods Sabbaths duly sanctified, the suppressed Preschers and preaching of Gods word restored, and hang up some of these Romish Prelates and Inquisitors before the Land, as the Gibeonites did the seven sons of Saul, we can never hope to abate any of Gods plagues, or draw downe any of his blessings on us

crisies, & bowing to them in all Cathedrall, and elsewhere & in their own chapells.

2 Belar. de Bonis; Cl peribus. c. 11. Eodem. vent. dia. fac. 15.

b Iob. 13. 9. Gal. 6. 7.

1 Sunday 10 Sabbath, 22. and 44.

\* The honour and safetie of the Kingdome.

2 Chron. 7

7. 8. 9. 10.

1 Sam. 2. 1

Num. 25. 4



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*Isay 58. 3* by *such a fast, and Fastbooke* as this, but augment his plagues  
*4, 5, &c.* and judgements more and more, which have strangely in-  
*And that* creased since this fast begun, contrary to all humane reason  
the very and probability, whereas it much decreased before; the totall  
next weeke number dying of the plague, the week before the fast being  
after an or- but 4 5 8. and 58. *parishes infected*, and the very first weeke  
der there of the fast 838 (treble the number the second last greatest  
published, plagues) and 67 *parishes infected* in Cambridge, Norwich, Hamton,  
that every Bath, and other eminent places cleare before, being likewise  
Scholler visited since this fast begun; a cleare evidence, that God is  
should bow to the Al- much offended with these purgations, and the restraint of  
tar, and at preaching on the fast day, against which some Prelats are so  
the name mad, that they have silenced, and persecuted divers Ministers  
of Jesus-un since the fast proclaimed, there being now so many suspended  
der paine in our Norwich Diocesse, only for not yeelding to popish in-  
of expulsi- novation, that in sundry Churches they have neither prayers,  
on out of preaching, nor fasting, which hath brought the plague among  
the univer- them, and made the people at their wits-ends, many Mini-  
sity after sters and people there having left the Kingdome, and thou-  
two admo- sands more being readie to depart the Land, there being ne-  
nitions, ver such a persecution or havock made among Gods Mini-  
an idola- sters since *Q. Maries* dayes, as a lecherous proud insolent  
trous and Prelate hath there lately made against all Lawes of God and  
superstiti- man, to the astonishment of the whole Realme. What then  
ous order. can we expect but plague upon plagues, till such desperate  
*Eze. 18.* persecutors be cut off, and Gods Word and Ministers resto-  
23, 24, c. red unto their former liberty, by our most gracious Sove-  
38. 28. raigne, *persecution of Gods Ministers and people being on chiefe*  
22 *Eze. 14* *cause of plagues?* Wherefore O England, England, if ever thou  
12 Euzebius Eccles. wilt be free from pests and judgements; take notice of these  
Hist: 1.9. c. 8 thy Antichristian Prelates, desperate practises, innovations,  
Cent Mag. and popish designes, to bewaile, oppose, redresse them with-  
3. c. 3. P. 31 all thy force and power: O all yee English Nobles, Courtiers  
32. cent. 4 and other, who have any love or sparke of religion, piety,  
c. 3. p. 15. 6 zeale, and tenderesse of his Majesties honour, or care for  
H. Holland the peoples, the Church, or kingdomes safety yet remaining  
his Spiritu- within your generous brest putt to your helping hands and  
all prefer- prayers  
vative a-  
gainst the  
Plague,

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prayers, to rescue our Religion, and faithfull Ministers, now suspended, from the jaws of these devouring<sup>o</sup> wolves, and tyrannizing Lordly Prelats (raised from the dunghill) who make havock of them both. O our most pious King Charles, as thou hast in two severall<sup>o</sup> Declarations, protested before God to all thy loving Subjects, That thou wilt never give way to the licensing or authorising of any thing, whereby ANY INNOVATION IN THE LEAST DEGREE may creep into our church, nor never connive at ANY BACKSLIDING TO POPERY; and that it is my hearts desire, to be found worthy of that title which thou esteamest the most glorious in all thy Crowne, Defender, of the faith, so now behold these desperate innovations, purgations, and Romish practises of thy Prelats, in open affront of these thy Declarations; and now or never shew thy selfe (as we all hope, believe, and pray thou wilt) a Prince more worthy of this glorious Title, than any of thy royall progenitors, by rooting all Popery, superstition, idolatry, errours, innovations, out of this Church and Kingdome, by restoring the Preaching, the Preachers of Gods word, and purity of his worship, and<sup>o</sup> taking vengeance on these perfidious Prelats, who have thus gelded thy Fast-booke (and intend to make an *Index expurgatorius* upon all other ancient English Writers, ere they be reprinted, a thing considerable) thus openly abused thy onely Sister, and her Children, now present with thee: oppressed and grieved thy faithfull Subjects, dishonoured thy God, betrayed thy religion, increased the plague among thy people, and as much as in them lyeth, robbed thee both of thy Gods and peoples loves, and pulled thy Crowne off thy Royall head, to set it on their own trayterous, ambitious pats, by exercising all ecclesiasticall power, yea Papall jurisdiction over thy Subjects in their own names, and rights alone: and by trampling all thy lawes and Subjects liberties like Cobwebs, thy Subjects like Dogs and dirt, under their tyrannicall Papall feet. If thou thus execute judgement on them, and ease thy people from their intollerable tyrannie, no doubt this plague shall be eased, and this fast be pleasing to the

Act. 2. c.

29.

9 Before the 39. Articles and of the dissolution of the Parliament p. 21

42.

1 Rom. 13  
4.

1 Pl. 106. 30

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Lord:

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\* It signifies both a little King, a Wren & likewise a Serpent, called a Basilick, so called, because like a tyrant he killeth men with his very scent.

Lord: else he will not except it, but proceede to plague more and more: O blessed Sovereigne, that thou didst but heare the severall cryes and outcries of thy people against these persecuting Prelats in many places, especially in our *Norwich* Diocesse, where little Pope \* *Regulus* hath played such Rex, that he hath suspended above 60. of our sincerest painefullest conformable Ministers, both from their Office and Benefices, so as many of our Churches (as the like was never since King *John* dayes) are quite shut up and *Lord have mercie upon us* may be written on their doores: the people cry for the bread of their soules, and their Ministers are prohibited to give it them; This not only wounds, but breaks their hearts, and makes them amazed. O therefore Gracious Sovereigne helpe now, and heare the Petitions, Cryes and Teares of thy poore people, and hang up these Popelings for these and other their innumerable oppressions, extortions, innovations, and harmes, who suspend, imprison, and ruine others for meere toys and trifles, yea for defending your royall Prerogative against their Papall usurpations.

3 Mar. 21  
13.

2 1 Cor. 9  
16.

This is all the newes I shall not impart in this Coranto, the next weeke God-willing yee shall heere of Mr. *Dade* his excommunicating of *Ferdinando Adams*, a Church-warden in our Towne, for not blotting out of this sentence of Scripture written on Mr. *Wards* Church-wall over his bawdy theevish Court. \* *It is written, My house shall be called a house of Prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves*, which excommunication is of record in Starchamber; of our Bishops commanding. \* *Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel*, out of Mr. *Scots* Church, and of the strange proceedings at *Colechester* against Mr. *Samuel Burdome*, for inclining Parson *Necrom* for railing in the Communion Table Alea-wise, and causing the Communicants to come up to the raine to receive, in a new accustomed manner, contrary to the Statute of 1. *Eliz.* c. 2. and his Majesties Declarations, this last *Ascharinus* Sessions: which Indictment the Grand-Jury hath found, but his Majesty yet can get no judgement. In the meane



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neane time, I shall conclude my Newes with the words of  
Patrick Adamson, archbishop of St. Andrews in his publick recan-  
tation in the Synod of Fisse, Aprill. 8. 1591. That the office of  
Diocesan bishop hath no authority at all to support it in the  
Word of God, that it is onely founded on the politicke device of  
men; that the primacy of the Pope or Antichrist sprung from it,  
that it is worthily condemned, and that is bath beene for 50.  
yeares, and more, the chiefe originall and Instrument of suppressing  
the Preaching of Gods Word in all Kingdomes, as all Ecclesiasti-  
call Historians testifie: I therefore shall close up all with the  
Collect on St. Matthias day; Almighty God, which in the  
place of the traytor \* Bishop Judas did chuse thy faithfull  
servant Matthias, to be of the number of the 12. Apostles:  
Grant that thy Church, being alwayes preserved from false  
Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithfull and true  
Pastors, through Iesus Christ our Lord, And with the Col-  
lect on St. Peters day, Almighty God, which by the Son  
Jesus Christ hath given to thy Apostle St. Peter many ex-  
cellent gifts, and commandest him earnestly to feede thy  
Flocke: make (wee besecch thee) all Bishops and Pastors  
\* diligently to Preach thy holy Word, and the people  
obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the  
Crowne of everlasting glory, through Iesus Christ our  
Lord, Amen.

\* Patrick  
Adamson  
Palinodia,  
p. 54.

\* Act. 20

\* Which  
few Bi-  
shops now  
doe.

From Ipswich November, 12.

Thine is the Lord, Matthew White.